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SB 2464  
RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION

Statement to  
Senate Committee on Ecology, Environment and Recreation  
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SB 2464 would amend Section 342-2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes by taking out the words "vehicular noise" and replacing them with "the noise produced by vehicles and boats." This statement does not reflect an institutional position of the University.

The effect of this bill would be to broaden the meaning of vehicles to include boats as well as other type of vehicles. In our opinion, this proposed amendment would appropriately clarify the coverage of the law. Noise from motor boats is a significant nuisance, especially in harbors near residential areas. This noise should be regulated and controlled in much the same way as noise from land vehicles is regulated and controlled. However, some limit as to the geographical extent of coverage of this law should be considered.